

REMARKS

The Office Action stated that the pending claims are drawn to two distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I, corresponding to claims 36-45 and 48-59.

Applicants have amended claims 48 and 49. In addition, claim 60 has been canceled and new claim 61 has been added. New claim 61 depends from claim 49 and, therefore, should be considered to belong to Invention I.

If the Office has any questions regarding this election, a representative of the Office is invited to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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